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**To:** Provost and Chief Academic Officers

**CC:** Advanced Placement Coordinators

**From:** Paula K. Compton, Associate Vice Chancellor for Articulation and Transfer

**Date:** November 18, 2021

**Subject:** Recommended Course Alignment Updates for History Advanced Placement (AP) Exams

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**Background:**

College Board has announced a change in Advanced Placement (AP) World History to AP World History: Modern beginning in the 2019-2020 academic year. This change was made to allow high school teachers a more realistic amount of material to cover in a year and to better align with college course sequencing. The AP World History: Modern course and exam now include content from 1200 Common Era (CE) to the present rather than starting with the Paleolithic Era.

**Impact of AP World History: Modern Change:**

In terms of Ohio higher education, the AP World History was traditionally 6-8 semester credit hours and aligned to the [OHS041 \(Western/World Civilization I\)](#) and [OHS042 \(Western/World Civilization II\)](#) TAG course sequence.

After learning about the redesign of AP World History: Modern, the Ohio Articulation and Transfer Network (OATN) requested the History TAG Faculty Review Panel to review the course and exam materials to determine if the individual TAG courses for OHS041 (Western/World Civilization I) and OHS042 (Western/World Civilization II) could be equated. The Faculty Panel reached a consensus that students with an AP score of 3 on their exam should be eligible to earn [OHS042 \(Western/World Civilization II\)](#) History TAG course credit only. The portion of the historical timeline removed from the early part of the AP World History: Modern exam no longer justifies awarding OHS041 (Western/World Civilization I) History TAG course credit.

Following the decision from the History TAG Panel, the Ohio Transfer 36 Arts and Humanities and Social and Behavioral Sciences Faculty Panel Leads met to review the course and exam materials to determine if general education area credit could be equated. The Faculty Panel Leads determined that students with an AP score of 3 on their exam should be eligible to earn general education area credit for the portion of the exam that no longer aligns to the TAG. Please note, depending on how the receiving institution grants OHS042 History TAG credit, whether in the Art and Humanities department or Social and Behavioral Sciences department, corresponding general education should apply similarly.

The [AP Course Credit Alignment Recommendations](#) document has been updated to reflect this change.

For more information on the curriculum and assessment, visit:

<https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/courses/ap-world-history-modern>

**What We Need From You:**

Currently approved TAG course alignments for AP World History will expire effective at the end of fall 2021. The new Ohio Transfer 36 and TAG course alignments will become effective spring 2022. Please note that the expiration of the original alignment is after the new AP World History: Modern became effective. It is the hope of the OATN that institutions hold students harmless as everyone works to realign the courses to the new exam.

To assist with expirations, we ask that you complete the survey below **on or prior to December 31, 2021**. The purpose of this survey is for institutions to indicate what Ohio Transfer 36 course will replace OHS041, whether in Arts & Humanities or Social and Behavioral Sciences.

The online survey is available through the following link [here](#).

**Important Note:** You must complete the survey via the link provided above. The attached PDF file is for reference only. Do not use the PDF version to respond to the survey.

Questions about course submissions and the exam changes may be directed to Michelle Blaney, Assistant Director, Articulation and Transfer Policy, as [mblaney@highered.ohio.gov](mailto:mblaney@highered.ohio.gov) or 614-644-9601.